

SOCIAL NEWS GATHERED IN FAVORITE RESORTS



PLAYING OBSTACLE GOLF AT ORMOND FLORIDA Photos by Mrs. Hale Kirk

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der Smith lowered the season's record by five. He made the second course in 70, which is five better than any previous score. His game was absolutely even and perfect, as he went out in 35 and came back in 35.

In an all-day professional tournament this last week Alexander Smith and Carl Anderson defeated McDonald Smith and Joe Higgins. The amateur record was broken by C. H. Gardner, of the Agawam Club, on Course No. 2. Mr. Gardner went around in 75. Up to this time S. L. Probasco, of Chattanooga, had held the amateur championship on the links, having done it in 80. Gardner played perfectly to the turn, going out in 35, but played indifferently coming in, requiring 40 for the last nine, a total of 75.

Frank de C. Sullivan, who is special representative of all of the Plant companies, arrived with Mrs. Sullivan at Belleair on Monday of this last week.

The big birthday dinner given by George Ade on Tuesday, February 9,

seems to have acted as a power of suggestion, for the week brought a continual round of dinner parties. Mr. Ade's dinner was, however, the largest and jolliest one. The mystic number of thirteen guests was gathered at his feast, and as a reminder that youth and not age, was to be remembered on birthdays, Mr. Ade's table was not only laden with Florida blossoms, but a whole menagerie of wooden toys surrounded the plate of each of his playmates. On Mr. Ade's right sat Mrs. James H. Barnard, of Chicago, on his left was Miss Condon, of Memphis; then came H. D. Sturtevant, of Chicago; Miss Myra Helmer, of Chicago; David Noyes, of Chicago; Miss Lulu Jones, of Memphis; William Kidston, of Chicago; Mrs. David Noyes, James H. Barnard, Miss Goodrich, O. C. Wells, of Chicago, and Mrs. A. A. Goodrich, of Chicago.

Next in importance was the dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Ramsdell, of Buffalo. Mr. and Mrs. Ramsdell, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hardin, of Buffalo; Mr. and Mrs. Frank F. Henry, of Buffalo; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Seymour, of Auburn; Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Pomeroy and R. G. Wright, of Buffalo.

ST. AUGUSTINE COLONY IS ACTIVE INDOORS AND OUT

St. Augustine, Fla., Feb. 20.—There has been no cessation in the dinners, dances and outdoor activities because of Lent, but in the little Episcopal church on the Plaza, any afternoon, one may find men and women of the social set at vespers. The hotels are filled, many having waited for the penitential curtain to ring down before leaving the North.

The week began with a luncheon of twenty-five covers, given at the Ponce de Leon by Mrs. Horace Lindley for Miss Margaret Glasby, of Wilmington, Del. Among the guests were Mrs. George Fletcher, Mrs. Murray Seagraves, Mrs. Myron Spades, Mrs. W. W. Dew-

EARLY DAYS OF LENT FIND PLENTY OF SOCIAL ACTIVITY IN THE WINTER HAUNTS OF SOCIETY.

gave one of the largest dinner parties of the week at their villa, Swastika. Their guests were Robert W. Parsons, Mrs. Stephen Thach, Joseph P. Graves, Mrs. Charles Coster, Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Munroe, Dr. and Mrs. James M. Jackson and the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. John N. MacGonigle. At a luncheon a few days ago they entertained Paul D. Cravath, T. A. Gillespie and John P. Gillespie, of New York.

Lunching with Mrs. E. A. Sumner at the Ponce de Leon on Saturday were Miss Anna Shepherd, Miss Edith Shepherd and Miss Cole, of South Orange, N. J. Miss Georgina Dismukes was noticed with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lyman.

from Florida this week to take the "hur," as did W. W. Johnson and W. E. Webber, of Philadelphia, who came from Palm Beach.

A. McKay, Merton L. Muir, James S. Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gidding, Mrs. Charles Peter Doelger, Mr. and Mrs. William Riley, John H. Watkins and William Gash.

MIAMI

More than a Hundred Yachts Are in This Florida Harbor.

Miami, Fla., Feb. 20.—Miami has rapidly taken on the appearance of mid-season. More than a hundred yachts, many of them with leaders of society on board, are in the harbor; the Royal Palm Hotel, of the Flagler system, is crowded, and so are the dozen other smaller houses. All over the small city that has sprung up here in the last five years there is the rush of prosperity.

Perhaps the event of chief interest here this week was the ball game which Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., David McAlpin and Godfrey Rockefeller, of New York, were largely instrumental in bringing about. One team, composed of visitors from the Royal Palm, comprised George Putnam, Wallace Culbertson, Victor Vernon, Harry C. Morgan, W. A. Brady, Walter Mitchell, Willis Cooling, Jack Cleary and Barney Moran. They were opposed by the Lake Placid team, which won 8 to 1.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Matheson

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS

Largest Crowd Since Christmas Holidays Arrives at Resort

White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., Feb. 20.—The biggest throng since the Christmas holidays has arrived at the New Greenbrier during the last two days. Many who came arrived in time to participate in the annual Washington's Birthday anniversary ball on Monday night.

Every day reservations are made by telephone by visitors now at Aiken, Camden, Palm Beach and the other Southern resorts. Mrs. Herbert M. Harriman, who is arriving at Aiken next week, will arrive here on March 10 for her annual spring "kur," and other Aiken visitors expected at the New Greenbrier include Mr. and Mrs. Devereux Emmet, Mrs. Clarence W. Dolan and Mr. and Mrs. Frederick O. Beach and William K. Vanderbilt, who were here before the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sanford arrived

WATER SPORTS AT HOT SPRINGS

Hot Springs, Va., Feb. 20.—Spring has surely reached Hot Springs. Each day finds a notable addition to the throng already here. Anything but a winter picture is suggested by the smart and gay crowds promenading the Homestead porches each morning, their many colored costumes silhouetted against a haze-laden background of blue-ridged hills.

Horseback riding, driving, mountain climbing and golf each has its share of devotees. Mr. and Mrs. D. Maitland Armstrong and Mrs. W. F. Lefferts, of New York, enjoy daily tramps up Delafield and Deer Lick mountains. Other climbers include Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick J. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hope Murdoch, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Underhill and Mrs. Leslie Pinwell.

Mrs. George Biddle and Mrs. Andrew A. Blair, who arrived recently for the "kur," indulge in frequent rides to Warm Springs and Flag Rock.

A group of Brooklyn and New York people, including a Fassenferm after a nine-mile canter, included John

NEWPORT LOOKS FORWARD TO EARLY OPENING OF SEASON

Newport, R. I., Feb. 20.—The advance reports that have reached here are sure signs that the season is to open early this year. This has been expected, but the reports show it for a surety. On one day during the week it was reported that Mrs. J. R. Bueck and Miss Margaret Bueck, who are having improvements added to Indian Spring; former Commodore and Mrs. Arthur Curtis James, at present at Miami; Mr. and Mrs. Theodore M. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. R. Horace Gallatin, Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Dyer, Mrs. Burke Roche, Miss Martha Codman and Mrs. William Wadsworth Sherman, would open their estates in May.

Mrs. Hamilton McK. Twombly is also expected to be an early arrival at Vinland. She was here early in the week

London, Paris and Petrograd prior to the war has gradually collected at the Homestead. A farewell party was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hoenhouse, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Fox and Etel C. Houston on Thursday evening. They left for Brooklyn yesterday.

Mrs. Clarkson Cowl and Arthur Cowl, of Brooklyn, who spent January here, are in Bermuda for an extended yachting trip.

Henry C. Meyer, of Montclair, was joined today by his wife and daughter, Miss Irene E. Meyer.

In spite of outdoor pastimes, dancing and auction bridge claim a large and enthusiastic band of followers. Each evening the tables grouped about the lobby near the octagonal ballroom are filled, and bidding runs high. Among those often participating are Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Scott, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Lucas, Mrs. Randolph Cobe, Mrs. George Peabody Gardner, Dr. and Mrs. George P. Gessler, Miss Mildred R. Cross, Mrs. Harold H. Shott, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Price, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey S. Sanford, J. Newton Marshall.

building of a new terrace in the rear of the villa. Now this terrace is to be completed with the addition of a wall and marble tea houses. The building permit was issued during the week for it and according to this the estimated cost is \$50,000, though the actual cost will probably be far above this amount.

Mrs. Caperton and Miss Margaret Caperton, wife and daughter of Rear Admiral and Mrs. William B. Caperton, at present of Philadelphia, are to return to Newport this summer. They occupied apartments here last summer and Miss Caperton took quite a prominent part in the young social life of the city, as she did when her parents were stationed at the Narragansett Bay naval station.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Gordon Douglas, of New York, are expected to take a cottage here this summer and the arrangement of a rental to Mr. and Mrs. Woodbury Blair, of Washington, who last summer occupied Sunnyside, is soon expected, as is one to Mr. and Mrs. Beekman Winthrop, of Washington. Mr. Winthrop having been here recently cottage hunting.

It was announced during the week that Mr. and Mrs. William Earl Dodge, of New York, had rented the A. M. C. estate on Brenton Road, and among the absentees who are expected back at their summer homes during the coming season are Mrs. Ogden Golet, Mrs. Henry C. Lewis, Mrs. William B. Lewis, Robert W. Golet, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Drexel, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Widener and Mrs. Alexander S. Clarke.

Miss Caroline Ogden Jones has been ill at her cottage, Mid Cliff, and has her sister, Miss Fanny Jones, of New York, with her. Mr. and Mrs. Louis B. McCagg have also been here.

Mr. and Mrs. William Goody Low are changing their summer home location this year. For the last two seasons they have occupied Inghin, but they have given up that villa and have leased from William E. Carter his estate on Narragansett Avenue, Quarter-

AUCTION BRIDGE CLINICS FOR EXPERT AND TYRO---By George Kling

THE final test of skill at auction comes, of course, in the play-off, and the player with ability to make the maximum of tricks in the play has a decided advantage over the weaker man.

In the first place, the good player can bid his hand to its full strength with the knowledge that he is sure to score the limit in the play-off, and at the same time he is able to take advantage of the weak play of an opponent to the extent, perhaps, of a trick to each hand. Hence he can force a weak playing opponent to a high contract that is likely to net a good bonus.

There are many ordinary players who seem to judge correctly the bidding value of hands, but who founder and fail in the play-off. "Card sense," as defined as a natural ability to do the correct thing in play at card games, is lacking, or perhaps the constitutional defect of not caring to change from an original to a secondary lead in the play. How many rubbers one constantly sees thrown to a pair, unwarranted by their holdings, for the reason that a player is unable to diagnose the situation. The play occurs oftener, of course, against the dealer, for the reason that the exposed dummy generally marks his action. A player who can get the maximum percentage in his favor in every rubber, and where the game is played for even a small stake this advantage is a valuable asset.

Duplicate auction furnishes the motive for good play without the obnoxious question of a stake, for the reason that the same hands are played by other teams and the comparison of play demonstrates readily the difference of good and bad work upon each hand.

In the following hand considerable discussion was raised over the play relating to the switching from an original lead, but also combines the

point of holding up for the purpose of killing a re-entry:

♠AJ765
♥97
♦Q52
♣954

♠Q98
♥10532
♦864
♣AK1043

♠K1043
♥KJ6
♦AKJ3
♣62

♠2
♥A4
♦K107
♣K10873

The score was first game, love-all, and as the spade bids were eliminated and the game played with clubs as the lowest value, South started with "No bid." Although not officially adopted by the recognized authority on the laws of auction in this country, the Whist Club of New York, this rule appeals to many players on account of its simplicity in form, and is rapidly coming into popular favor.

North declared one royal, assured of his partner's recognition of possible value in a third hand bid, which often times tells of defensive rather than offensive strength. East bid one no-trump. South overcalled with the two of clubs, although the opening was with him. Fear of leading up to a tenace, giving the opponents an immediate trick in the suit without their command being relinquished, probably actuated his bidding.

West, singularly, had the cards which would have created the situation referred to as causing South's anxiety, and a supporting bid of two no-trump followed as a matter of course.

This bid was final, and in the play-off South opened with the two of spades to his partner's declared suit, dummy holding the trick with the eight, as North refused to go up. Dummy then led diamonds, East finessing and making four tricks in the suit. A low spade following was won by North with the ace over dummy's queen. The two discards forced from South on the last two tricks were, first, the king of clubs and then a low heart. What interpretation North put on his partner's play was not explained at the time, but when he led his top

heart to the next lead it could be surmised that a command to lead through strength in hearts, instead of up to solid clubs. The lead of a heart made only two more tricks possible for North and South, the opponents going game on the hand with four odd tricks. Against the strongest possible play of the opponents, it would have been impossible for North and South to have saved game, but along the lines the declarer chose to adopt a more determined opposition would have most likely brought forth successful results, thereby saving the game. Had North postponed the winning of the ace of spades until the third round, only two tricks, instead of three, in the suit would have been possible for the opponents. With two re-entries in hearts, South could have made his North's door, because of the opportunity open for the opponent's game going, his want of foresight in not anticipating the opponent's probable action was nevertheless reprehensible. Notwithstanding a rather dark outlook as far as the gaining of tricks was concerned, it should have been apparent to him that clubs offered the only chance for sufficient tricks for the saving of game. Dummy's length in hearts was a guide to this view.

Viewing the situation in this manner and holding up his spades to make a third trick for the opponents dependent upon a re-entry in East's hand, North, by the proper secondary lead of clubs, his partner's declared suit, would have saved the game if anticipated action of the opponents had been carried out.

The ability to carefully and quickly analyze a hand and draw proper conclusions as to the probable distribution and location of the cards of the various suits based upon the bidding is an essential for the correct opening on all hands. When the original lead has been determined on and the dummy hand exposed, it is then important to revise one's estimate in order to determine the best course to be pursued for the highest interests of the partnership. In the following hand we seek to illus-

trate the point. The hand was played in a set match recently in this city:

♠J109
♥Q532
♦K764
♣65

♠KQ72
♥KJ7
♦AQJ95
♣3

♠A853
♥K6
♦108
♣K1042

♠64
♥A1084
♦32
♣AJ987

No score, first game.

South declared one spade. West bid no trump on his strong diamond holding, with stoppers in two suits.

South called two clubs in order to direct his partner's lead, and West bid two diamonds, showing his strength in suit now on account of his weakness in the opponent's declared suit. With marked strength in clubs and an ace besides, East made the partnership declaration two no-trump, which was final.

On the play-off North's six of clubs at the opening went to dummy's queen. South refusing to overtake. Dummy then led the ten of diamonds, West finessed and the trick went to North's king. North led his remaining club, dummy playing the ten and South winning with the jack. South continued clubs, leading the ace and one of his lower cards, and established a winning card in the suit by forcing out the opponent's king.

These defensive measures proved worthless, however, as the opponents had two suits which were solid. West made all his diamonds and the balance of the tricks went to dummy.

Only two clubs and a diamond scoring against them, East and West, with four-odd, went game on the hand.

A common failing of many players is illustrated in the way North and South handled their cards. It showed persistence in establishing a suit without due consideration of the value of such form of play. South's estimate of probable tricks to prevent the adverse side from going game, no doubt, included three tricks in clubs. To these could be added the ace of hearts and

one trick from his partner to make the essential five tricks for game saving at love score. What the opponents would do in the meantime, and illustrated by actual occurrence on hand, was entirely absent from South's calculations.

If he thought that a certain number of tricks might be developed in his hand in the course of play was really superfluous in South's mind, and he based his action accordingly, he adopted a procedure which if reversed would have given him a clear insight into the hand and led to the saving of the game.

How many tricks could the opponents develop?

That question should have received precedence to his play to the first trick. If South had calculated in this fashion, he would have first noted the strength in his own hand and in dummy's. Upon this could be based West's probable strength in diamonds. The diamond suit, clearly the basis of a no trump and of such strength as to warrant a suit declaration afterward, could at least be counted upon to furnish four or five tricks as a minimum to compensate for the absence of marked strength otherwise. With one trick in clubs as the result of the opening lead and the ace of spades, enough tricks for the opponents could be foreseen to give them nearly their requirement for game. That danger immediately suggest drastic measures to insure a number of tricks—not merely one.

A secondary suit lead of a heart in the hope of a prior establishment of partnership hearts to the establishment of the adverse diamonds would be the only logical construction upon winning the first trick, if the reason advanced here had been foremost in the player's mind, and a saved game for North and South would have been the result of the making of five tricks—three hearts and one diamond and one club.

There is no one point that marks the weak player more than the non-consideration of a play of the hands that will furnish ample defence against an opponent. They seem, instead of careful analysis, to play in a haphazard, fatalistic manner and become unpopular players in most auction circles.

The following hand is also taken from a duplicate auction contest, and

good play further accentuates the point:

♠KQ
♥AKB2
♦J72
♣985

♠AJ7
♥QJ9
♦K43
♣AKQ10

♠10965
♥10864
♦6
♣7643

♠8432
♥75
♦AQ10985
♣2

Score, rubber game, North and South nothing, East and West 10.

South declared one diamond, West over-called with one no-trump. North increased his partner's diamonds, bidding two in the suit and West, reasonably sure of stopping diamonds, declared two no-trumps.

North doubled, and the hand was played at that contract. The jack of diamonds at the opening of the play-off, South's position, showed that he had passed the immediate chance, conscious that the obligation of partnership could not be fulfilled by such a narrow view of the situation.

It is to be noted that the adverse contract could easily have been made were two tricks forthcoming in diamonds instead of five.

Another angle to the subject is the switching of the lead for the purpose of locating certain cards knowledge of whose position is necessary for the carrying out of successful defence. The following hand, taken from actual play in a recent game, illustrates the point:

With the division of cards the same as in North's hand, West could spare a heart and still retain the mastery over North's cards. It was clear to him, therefore, that a trick would be lost through a final discard in diamonds. In other words, the cards he held having an apparent valuation of two tricks would be worth only one trick at the conclusion of his partner's diamond play. North, therefore, adopted the simple expedient of leading the king of spades in order to establish and make another trick with the queen.

The final result, of course, showed eight tricks for North and South, giving them an overline score of three hundred points, the limit of possibilities reached by careful play.

The point in this hand that bears the relationship to the text of this article is in South's handling of his partner's second lead. It demonstrated the player's recognition of the fact that prior action of his partner was based upon certain expected value in his hand. South realized the success of the hand depended upon the making of his diamond suit. Instead of making the ace of diamonds, stamped by the thought of a lost opportunity to do so, he passed the immediate chance, conscious that the obligation of partnership could not be fulfilled by such a narrow view of the situation.

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Score, rubber game, love-all.

South declared one royal, West over-called with two hearts. Supporting bids by both partners brought them around to South, who declared three rounds. West again overcalled, bidding four hearts, and South went to four rounds, his partner dropping out. The final contract was five rounds with South, East raising once more after his partner's refusal.

Upon the play-off West led the ace of clubs and the king of hearts, exactly two in the suit and a desire to run. With South ruffing the second trick, however, further trick taking on the part of East and West required a small slam, as the cards plainly show.

Criticism cannot well be made of the club opening on the hand, but the king should have been led, not the ace. Where the limit of bidding is almost reached, as exemplified in this hand, making few losing tricks possible, the utmost importance of showing at the earliest possible moment the location of actual trick winners cannot be too strongly impressed upon players defending the hand. However near the goal of extra gains may appear, it cannot often be reached by methods that at once will be clear to a partner. Anxiety to correct three usually leads to forced plays, damaging in their results to the side making them. Witness the case of West. If he had shown at once the location of the ace of clubs by leading the king, there would have been no occasion for the continuation of the suit. Instead, a switch to hearts, his probable lead, in which East probably held the ace by reason of his strong support, would have left it optional with his partner whether to overtake or not.

East's obvious play would be to win West's high card led and return the suit. Three tricks then, besides netting a handsome bonus in the honor column.

"Will you please tell me where I can see the candelabra?"

"All canned goods is on the next floor," replied the new clerk—Harper's Magazine.